



Matthew 17: 14-27

Jesus and Disruption - Kevin Sneed

Read Matthew 17.14-20.

- How does Jesus “disrupt” the faith of the disciples?
- How have you misplaced your faith? What are the common thing we place our faith in, other than Jesus?

Read Matthew 17.22-23

- Why do you think the disciples were “filled with grief” at Jesus predicting his death **and** resurrection?

Read Matthew 17.24-27

- How does God demonstrate his sovereignty in this story?
- In what ways does God’s sovereignty comfort you?



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Greater Things - Dominic Rivera

1. What is the point Jesus is expressing with his rhetorical statements in v.17?
2. The “little faith” of the disciples could also be translated as “poverty of faith.” How would you describe “poverty of faith”?
3. Jesus teaches that small faith is enough faith. What is the point of His metaphor of a seed?
4. Share a story - your own or a story that you’ve read/heard about - that contrasts poverty of faith and small faith.
5. In verses 24-27, Jesus uses the occasion of the Temple Tax as a teaching lesson. What point is Jesus making through His analogy of a king collecting from outsiders but not his children?
6. Why do you think that Jesus does not want to cause offense at this time? He has offended in the past (15.12) and will offend the Temple tax collectors later (21.12-17).
7. What do you learn from Jesus decisions of when to offend?